

REMARKS

By this amendment, claim 1 has been cancelled, and claims 2-4, 7 and 8 have been amended. Thus, claims 2-8 are now active in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

The specification and abstract have been carefully reviewed and revised to correct grammatical and idiomatic errors in order to aid the Examiner in further consideration of the application. The amendments to the specification and abstract are incorporated in the attached substitute specification and abstract. No new matter has been added.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and Abstract by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

In item 3 on page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner kindly indicated that claims 2-8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the independent claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, in order to expedite allowance of this application, claim 1 has been cancelled, and each of claims 2-4, 7 and 8 has been amended into independent form to incorporate therein all of the limitations of the now-cancelled claim 1, and to thereby place these claims in allowable form in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Claims 5 and 6 depend from allowable claim 4.

As such, it is submitted that the application is clearly in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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